

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 20, 2007.

Claims 10, 11, 13-20 are pending in this application, with claims 13-18 having been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 10 and 19 are the independent claims presently under consideration.

In the Amendment dated September 18, 2007, Applicant submitted a sworn translation of applicant's priority document. The sworn translation confirms Applicant's right to the March 25, 2003 foreign priority filing date and effectively antedates the May 28, 2003 publication date of the Ganter reference. Submitted herewith is an original copy of the sworn translation including the attached German language priority document and the English translation.

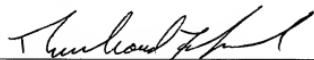
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our deposit account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this Response and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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